उसके साथ-साथ तीसरा सवाल यह है कि सचमुच में जो अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति है उनकी पेय जल की समस्या को हल करने के लिए सरकार क्या कर रही है ? उनमें जो आज भेद भाव किया जा रहा है, उसको दूर करने की दिशा में सरकार क्या कदम उठा रही है ?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय : महोदया, इस पर आधे घंटे की चर्चा करा दीजिए ।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You give a notice. We will see.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

देश में पांच तारा होटलों का खोला जाना

*184. **श्री संतोष बागड़ोदिया** : क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की शेष अवधि के दौरान सरकार किन-किन स्थानों पर पांच तारा और विलासमय होटलों को खोलने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) ऐसे प्रत्येक होटल पर व्यय की जाने वाली अनुमानित धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री तथा पर्यटन मंत्री (श्रीमती मोहसिना किदवई) : (क) और (ख) अशोक ग्रुप के होटलों की श्रृंखला में अप्राप्त कड़ी को पूरा करने के लिए भारत पर्यटन विकास निगम का भूमि की उपलब्धता पर निर्भर रहते हुए, बंबई में एक 5-स्टार होटल परियोजना स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव है ।

Demand of Aid by Andhra Pradesh for Rice Production

*185. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHUARY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh have recently approached the Central Government for an aid of Rs. 80 crores to raise the production of rice, in that state; and

(b) if so, whether the demand has since been considered by the Central Government and if so, the decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) and (b) The Union Government have formulated a Special Foodgrains Production Programme in consultation with 14 States and Andhra Pradesh is one of them. According a mutually agreed Special Foodgrains Production Programme, with rice as the focus crop in 8 selected districts viz; East Godavari, Chittoor, Nalgonda, Khammam, Karimnagar; Nellore; Warrangal and West Godavari, is being implemented in Andhra Pradesh during 1988-89 with a proposed Central assistance of Rs. 4.61 crore for increasing the production of rice.

In addition, for creating assured irrigation facilities, it is proposed to provide Rs. 6.21 crore for shallow tube-wells/dug-wells in these 8 selected districts. Under the Million wells programme for SC & ST small and marginal farmers an amount of Rs. 49.47 crore has been provided for Andhra Pradesh.

Expansion of the capacity of the Vanaspati plant, Khanna, Punjab

*186. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab State Marketing Federation have recently applied for a licence to expand the capacity of the Vanaspati Plant at Khanna from 50 MT capacity to 100 MT and also for an additional licence of 100 MT per day; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Punjab State Marketing Federation submitted two applications for substantial expansion of their unit at Khanna—one from 50 TPD to 100 TPD and the other from 50 TPD to 150 TPD. The applications were examined. The first application has been *prima-facie* rejected. The second application stands finally rejected.

The Federation has made a representation which is under active consideration.

Development of tourism in the country

*187. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee set up by the Government for evolving a perspective plan for the development of tourism in the country has since submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the findings of the report; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) The National Committee on Tourism set up to formulate a long-term perspective plan for Tourism sector is expected to submit its report by the end of May, 1988.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of edible oils in the country

*188. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious shortage of edible oils in the country leading to an abnormal increase in its price; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve its supplies and to reduce its price?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the gap between demand and supply of indigenous edible oils, the following steps have been taken by Government;

(i) Better supply management of imported edible oils in respect of States/Union Territories for PDS as well as or vanaspati industry.

(ii) States have been advised repeatedly to take stringent action against speculators, hoarders and other anti-social elements.

(iii) Voluntary price agreement with vanaspati industry and discussions with oil industry.

(iv) Credit control for edible oilseeds/oils has tighened with effect from 15.7.87 and stock limit of edible oils and oilseeds has been reduced under the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977.

Telecast of sponsored programmes

*189. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state whether Doordarshan propose to gradually phase out the telecast of the sponsored programmes made by outside producers by producing these programmes itself; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): It is the long term objective of Doordarshan to